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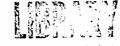
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SULMARY

- 1. A sample of enlisted men returned for assignment to

 New Construction submarines has been canvasced in order to de
 termine the typical duty completed. For this canvass a quost
 ionnaire was developed which is also useful in clinical evalu
 ations of the submarine experiences of an individual.
- 2. The survey confirms the hypothesis that the patrols completed by an individual differ radically from those completed by another in numbers, duration, and severity of attacks experienced. Data for the canvassed population on numbers of patrols completed, length of service, ages, and frequency of state-side assignments are reported.
- 3. It is noted that the Navy School backgrounds differ markedly. A considerable proportion were never examined or trained at New London, for example. The differences in selection and training backgrounds, in the light of the differences in submarine experience, suggest the value of complete examinations to ensure that all personnel satisfy minimum standards.

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Problem:

Many enlisted men with submarine experience are received by Commander Submarines, Atlantic Fleet, for assignment to New Construction submarines. In order to determine standards for evaluating the condition of these men, it was decided that a canvass should be made of personnel received during a certain period. This canvass would wace the naval history of the population so that not only would there be an indication of the duty completed, but also so that there would be some information on such matters as ages, through what sources men entered the service, what schools were attended, how much leave had been granted, and how men rested between patrols.

Procedure and Results:

Attached as Appendix A is a question mire which was developed by the staff of the Medical Research Department. This form was designed with a twofold purpose. It was meant first to afford clinical evaluations of the experience of each individual, and second to serve as a vehicle for assembling population data.

The questionnaire was administered during the second week in March, 1945, to a sample of enlisted men drawn in the following way:

- 1. Men returned for New Construction since 1 September, 1944, and assigned to Submarine Squadron One (N=114).
- 2. All experienced men assigned to two new Submarines (N=61).
 - 3. Experienced mon awaiting assignment (N=85).

All three groups together constitute a sample which is considered to be reasonably representative of the population returned currently for assignment to new ships.

The age level of the three groups is indicated in Table I.

TABLE I

Distributions of eges of the three sample groups.

Group	18-20	20-2t	25-29	30-34	18-20 20-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44	1 11-01	Total
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have made more than ten Pacific war patrols, whereas for the two hundred sixty men in Table I the meen for the entire number of Pacific and Atlantic patrols This variation is so great that differences in rest, severity For example, cleven of the one hundred fourteen men in Squadren One There is considerable variation in the amount of submarine duty comof patrols, etc., seem negligible. is only eight. pleted.

Table II shows when these two greings were all Steward's Mates were excluded, and (b) all men with no Pacific war patrols In order to refine the data for tabulations of duty completed, the fel-This left a balance of two hundred eighteen men, each of whom This belance was then divided into were 2nd class petty officers or higher upon entering and one hundred fortytwo groups, according to rate upon entering Submarine service. Seventy-one lowing exclusions were made from the two hundred sixty questionnaires: had made at least one Pacific war patrol. seven were 3rd class or below. essigned to undersess duty. wore excluded.



TABLE II

Distributions of dates entering Submarine service for two groups differentiated according to rate on entry.

Rate on Entry	Before 1941	JanDec 1941	Jan-June 1942	July-Dec 1942	Jan-June 1943	Before JanDec Jan-June July-Dec Jan-June July-Dec Jan-June Total	Jen-June 1944	Total
2nd class or higher	45	13	δ	צי	6	0	н	17
or below	25	36	35	30	19	5	0	247
Total	56	6 1 1	#	35	28	5	-	218

on durations or numbers of patrols completed, therefore, the questionneires were further separated into groups according to when men entered. Tables III and IV show numbers of war patrols completed for the two populations. Most of these patrols were conducted in the Pacific. veries greatly with respect to length of Submarine sorvice. Before analyzing any data It is obvious from Table II that the population returned for New Construction

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TABLE III

Numbers of war patrols for men entering Submarine service with rates 3rd class or below, according to date entering.

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ממשלט שוי	Jan-Dec 1941	しょう りゅうりょし	36
אַר מין דע	Before 1941	コ 4ろろののちょ ユ	22
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TABLE IV

Numbers of war patrols for men entering Submarine service with rates 2nd class or higher according to date entering.

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July-Dec 1942	רמ רר	
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Jan-Dec 1941	н ממн י מ	
Before 1941	こころろうななりのろここ	er
No. of Patrols	201008765422 201008767472	Total Number

is inevitable, the data afford another means for estimating total duration of Submarine duty. Tables V and VI indicate the distributions of the total numbers of days on patrol, listed according to date of entry in Submarine Service. for essessing how much duty has been completed. The Questionnaire asked for the number of days duration of each patrol. Although some inaccurecy in recall of such information However, there are other means Possible objection to any conclusions based on Tables III and IV above may be reised on the grounds that patrols differ in duration.

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TABLE V

Total number of days on patrol for men entering with rates 3rd class or below, according to date entering Submarine Servics.

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Jan-June 1943	הי מייסהמ י	19
July-Dec 1942	し なそのららこし	30
Jan-June 1942	ユユスろのちらの24	35
Jan-Dec 1941	1 26620 1 26620	36
Before 1941	こうとなるないこ	22
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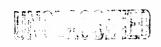
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Total No. of days	0-49 100-149 100-149 200-159 300-159 300-159 400-449 650-659 650-669	Total No. of Nen

The varietion in petrol duty is emphasized in Tebles III, IV, V and VI. It	ble, however, that those neartho have had more patrols also have enjoyed	te-side leave and wer Construction duty. The date in Table VII show that	some tendency in this direction, but not to the extent that the Elate-side	de compensates for the longer see duty. For example, for seven men with	to	•
The vari	is possible, hor	more state-side lesvo	there is some tendency	experience compensates	nine or more petrols	the racific.

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Number of times in States (present duty excepted) since ordered to the Pacific for the first time.

Number of state-side leaves or duties

Number of Patrols	Three	Two	One	None	Total
1 - 4			11	3 9	50
5 - 8		g	66	35	109
9 -12	3	1 0	37	7	57
over 12		1	1		2
Total	3	19	115	g1	218

This discussion is not addressed to the problem of whether the rotation policy is effective. However, extreme variations in duty completed are indicated. This suggests the need for correlary data on condition of personnel. Some interesting findings in this connection might develop from analyses of routine medical exeminations for New Construction.

It is noted also that all degrees of school training are represented. Some reported no formal instruction after their first few weeks of Navy indoctrination; others listed several school attended. Of the entire group (excluding eleven Steward's Mates) with patrol experience, only one hundred thirty-three or approximately fifty-three percent were graduates of the Submarine School in New London. Such variation in training and selection suggests that there are wide variations in abilities and skills.

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1.	NAME RATE Last First Middle	DATE
	Last First Middle	
2.	DATE OF BIRTH	
3.	How many Pacific submarine war patrols have you made?	
	How many Atlantic submarine patrols?	
4.	When did you first enter submarine service?	, 19
5.	Did you graduate from Basic Submarine School in New London?	
	When?	
6.	Date enlisted in the Navy	19
	Have you been on active duty continuously since that time?_	
7.	Where did you go directly after Pasic Training (Boots)?	
8.	Rate prior to first submarine patrol?	
9•	Have you had surface-craft combat duty since Dec. 7, 1941?_many months?	. How
10.	Are you qualified in submarines? When were you	qualified?
	•	
11.	Date reported aboard your first Pacific submarine	, 19
	Your rate on that date	
12.	How much of your time in the submarine service since Dec. 7 actually served aboard submarines?	, 1941 was

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SUMMARY OF WAR PATROLS

(Do NOT name any ships)

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Answer the following questions as best you can:

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FIRST WAR PATROL:

ı.	What general area? How many days on patrol:	?	•
2.	Was the patrol designated "successful"?)	
	Were you severely depth-charged?	•	
4.	Did you have a recreation period following this patrol?	If	so,
_	how many days?		
5.	Did you return to the States after this patrol?	*	
	If so, for overhaul?for New Construction?	How many days	
_	State-side leave, if any, did you have? Were you left in Relief Crew after this patrol?	Herr James	
O.	Were you felt in Relief Crew after this patrol?	How long:Why?	
4 •	Were you put on a tender during or after this patrol?		
SECON	D WAR FATROL:		
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⊥ •	What general area? How many days on patrol?		•
	Was the patrol designated "succ sful"? Were you severely depth-charged?		
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5.	Bid you return to the States often this matual?	_	
	If so, for overhaul? for New Construction?	How many days	
	State-side leave, if any, did you have?		
6.	State-side leave, if any, did you have? Were you left in Relief Crew after this patrol?	How long?	
7.	Were you put on a tender during or after this patrol?	Why	
٤.	Were you put on a tender during or after this patrol? Was this patrol made on same sub as the previous patrol?		<u> </u>
	WAR PATROL: What general area? How many days on patrol?		
2.	Was the patrol designated "successful"?		•
	Were you severely depth-charged?		
	Did you have a recreation period following this patrol?	Tf	so,
	how many days?		J. ,
5.	Did you return to the States after this patrol?	•	
	If so, for overhoul?for New Construction?	How many days	
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٥.	Was this patrol made on the same sub as the previous $\overline{p_2}$	ro1?	 •
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	Was the patrol designated "successful"?		_ <u>.</u>
	Were you severely depth-charged?		
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, ,	how many days?		٠,
5.		If	so.
	Did you return to the State after this patrol? for overhaul? for New Construction?	How many days	,
	State-side leave, if any, did you have?	.•	
		How long?	
	Were you put on a tender during or after this patrol?		<u> </u>
8.	Was this patrol made on the same sub as the previous pat	rol?	

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	State-side leave if any did you have?	_non many days	
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7	Were you put on a tender during or after this patrol?	Why?	— :
Ŕ.	Was this patrol on the same sub as previous patrol?		'
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SIXTH	WAR PATROL:		
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1.	What general area? How many days on patrol:	?	
2.	Was the patrol designated " successful"?	•	
	Were you severely depth-charged?		
	Did you have a recreation period following this patrol?	If	so.
	how many days?		-
5.	Did you return to the States after this patrol?	If	so.
•	Did you return to the States after this patrol? for overhaul? for New Construction?	How many days	•
6.	Were you put on a tender during or after this patrol?	How lone?	
7.	Were you rut on a tender during or after this patrol?	Why?	`
8.	Was this patrol on the same sub as previous patrol?		
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SEVEN	TH WAR PATROL:		
	What general area? How many days on patrol?	?	•
2.	Was the patrol designated "successful"?	•	
3.	Were you severely depth-charged?	•	
4.	Did you have a recreation period following this patrol?	Jf	so,
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5.	Did you return to the States after this patrol? for overhaul? for New Construction? State-side leave, if any, did you have?	If	so,
	for overhaul? for New Construction?	How many days	•
	State-side leave, if any, did you have?	<u>-</u>	
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	Were you put on a tender during or after this patrol?	Why?	·
8.	Was this patrol on the same sub as previous patrol?	•	
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		How long?	•
		Why?	•
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2.	Was the patrol designated "successful"?
3.	Were you severely depth-charged?
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,	many days State-side leave, if any, did you have?
6.	Were you left in a Relief Crew after this patrol? How long?
7.	Were you put on a tender during or after this patrol? Why?
8.	Was this patrol on the same sub as previous patrol?
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